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"JUVENTUS"

Today we feature, in picture and story, Juventus, the Italian Club, which has done so much to popularise soccer among Victoria's Italian community.

Juventus soccer club was founded in 1949 by Mr. Rino Fontana, Mr. Antonio Jannucci, and the late Father Agostino Galante, in Carlton. Securing a ground in Royal Park, it played in the Third Division and in the first season won promotion to the Second Division, in which it stayed for two seasons.

In 1951, largely due to the efforts of its coach and trainer, Mr. Ivan Hernic, it gained promotion to the First Division and reached the semi-final of the Dockerty Cup. In 1952 and 1953 Juventus were First Division premiers, and in 1952 reached the final of the Dockerty Cup.

BASSI

The Juventus club, although sometimes referred to as a national club, is, in fact, open to any sport-loving person without any discrimination of nationality, colour or creed. Majority of its members come from Italy, but there are playing and non-playing members from several other countries.

The club owes much of its success to the guidance of Mr. Nino Borsari (president), and E. Sartori (secretary).

The committee has exercised good control of its ground and funds. All uniforms and training gear are provided by the club and players are well cared for at all times. The policy of the committee has been to keep the game clean. Only well disciplined players will be tolerated and those not amenable to discipline, unable to control their tempers, and in other ways undesirable, have been weeded out and replaced.

The club at present has two senior and one junior teams.

Juventus this year has taken a lease of the Melbourne Showgrounds at a very great expense. No doubts are felt by the committee, however, that the club cannot use this ground to advantage, and if Easter Monday's large crowd is any Criterion, the venture will be a huge success.

Many Juventus players have represented Victoria, including present stars, Sergio Bassi and Enzo Muzzin.

This year Juventus look as strong as ever and when their forward line starts one of its all-out attacks and the strongly partisan crowd starts its stirring roar of "Juven! Juven! Juven!" there is no more heart-stirring moment in Victorian football.

MUZZIN

EDITORIAL

All communications re Soccer News to the Editor,
V. J. M. DIXON, 2 Cowper Street, Sandringham.

The victory of J.U.S.T. over Box Hill last Saturday while Juventus only managed a draw with Hakoah, makes the hold of the Italian side on the top position very shaky indeed. Only a decimal point keeps them in front of the Yugoslavs, who have a game in hand. The Hakoah machine broke down in the gusty wind at St. Kevins and only Sutherland ever looked dangerous in their usually classic forward line.

With a victory over Moreland Footscray City climb to third position over Hakoah. The Moreland side have sadly disappointed their followers and with two defeats from three games early predictions of success have little hope of becoming fulfilled unless a new spirit arises in the team.

At Como Park Brighton beat Prahran in a spiritless game in which players of both sides made little attempt to mark their men. The spectacle of one player who has represented his State and Australia, removing his boots on the field in the middle of a First Division game and then running around carrying them, amazed not only spectators, but also the referee who, calling a halt while enquiries were made, was obviously baffled and allowed the game to continue as before.

The sad showing of "ALMOST" every team in the First Division whose origin is either Australian or at least is comprised mostly of British born members, cannot fail to cause concern to all lovers of the games, whether officials or spectators.

Probably I am sticking my neck out in touching on this subject, but the fact remains that from a "LOCAL" point of view soccer is not gaining. It is becoming more and more a migrants' game and its roots are not sinking in local soil.

With the arrival of the "Coach" in Melbourne it is hoped that the standard of soccer will rise, but, nevertheless, it will be many years before soccer can be taught in every school in Victoria.

Consequently, the children of migrants are in most cases learning another code at school and should migration fall off, in five years soccer will be back where it started. It is therefore up to every club to promote junior teams, not only to teach the game to local boys, but also give the chance to the lad who learned it overseas, to continue to play here. Too much emphasis cannot be placed on this essential point and the Junior Association stands ready with help and advice for any club wishing to start junior teams. Regrettably, however, we see only too many clubs who a few years ago ran several junior teams now missing altogether from the Junior League tables. Why?

We received many favourable comments on Mr. Ray Carlson's coverage of the Interstate Carnival this last article on Victoria v. Western Australia is in today's issue) for "Soccer News". This was Ray's first effort at journalism for us, although he has helped us on the sales side on previous occasions. We, ourselves, feel that he did a fine job and judging by some

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HOME and AWAY

By REX BENSON

EVERGREEN SAM

When the English team was here in 1951, one of the most colourful players, and I do not mean his carrotty hair, was goalie Sam Bartram. He is now 40, playing as well as ever, and recently reached the amazing number of 500 League appearances with his one club, Charlton Athletic. A big birthday cake, in the shape of a soccer ground, was cut on the field prior to the game.

WERE YOU TRICKED?

The answer to the teaser about the penalty rebound that was kicked into the net and the goal disallowed is simple; time was extended to allow the kick to be taken, in which case a goal must be scored direct.

REFEREES WANTED

An appeal should be made to old players who have had a good innings to retire. In order not to hang up their boots, let them wear them as referees. They would then be putting back into the game something of what they have taken out in their own enjoyment over the years.

POACHING

Correspondent Bill Bowman is right on the ball with his remarks about transfers. Some call it legal poaching.

It is desirable to have star clubs that might be an adornment to the game, but not for them to have all the stars. Some clubs like Sandringham have lost their former glory through losing their best players to more fashionable sides. Soccer has not gained in this way, it has lost. We may soon end up with one good league and three very poor ones.

GROUND IMPROVEMENTS

Although the bold move by J.U.S.T. failed to gain them the use of the Toorak Park Oval, their present ground is an improvement over the previous open-air changing area at Yarra Park. But it could be better. The present playing area is only 62 yards by 104 yards, which is mighty small for a senior pitch. There is room on either side to increase the width.

Without harping too much on the facilities of Wembley, which we do not expect to attain in Melbourne, a picture taking during play of the Cup Final, on the front of a last year's "Soccer News", shows clearly the white of the goal-posts and the meticulous white markings on the pitch. I have seen in one First Division game this season a cross-bar of raw wood, every post dirty, and the markings at St. Kevins on Easter Monday very hard to detect. That could not be blamed on the rain. To rectify these shortcomings requires only a few shillings and very little time.

INTERSTATE SOCCER

One good feature of the Carnival recently staged in Adelaide was the evening up of Australian soccer. No longer is there a huge gap between

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THE CROWD ROARS at the Showgrounds as the Juventus forward line moves in to attack.

JUVENTUS scores as Plateo (outside-left) heads past Gough (J.U.S.T. goalie) in their Easter Monday clash at the Showgrounds.

JUVENTUS left-back Sabidussi leaves a shot to the safe hands of goalie Ravagnan in the J.U.S.T. game on Easter Monday. NOTE:— Does soccer deserve enclosed grounds? Crowds at the Showgrounds exceed 10,000.

JUVENTUS — THE TEAM THAT MADE HISTORY — takes the field for their first game at the Showgrounds on Easter Monday. Left to right: Costa, Cernizza, Sabidussi, Boz, Bottari and Bassi.

(Photos of Juventus on this page and elsewhere were taken especially for "Soccer News" by Sam Gold, Nat Rothfield and Carol Horovitz.)

Juventus's "Olympic" President

NINO BORSARI

By V. J. M. DIXON

Born in Modena in Northern Italy, in 1911, Nino Borsari became a soccer fan at an early age. At school he played with the local boys until soccer, interfering with his other love — cycling (which made him world famous), Nino, for the time being, devoted his time to the "pedal" sport.

Nino was a slave-driver to himself and in 1932, at the of 21, he was in Los Angeles, California, representing Italy at the Olympic Games.

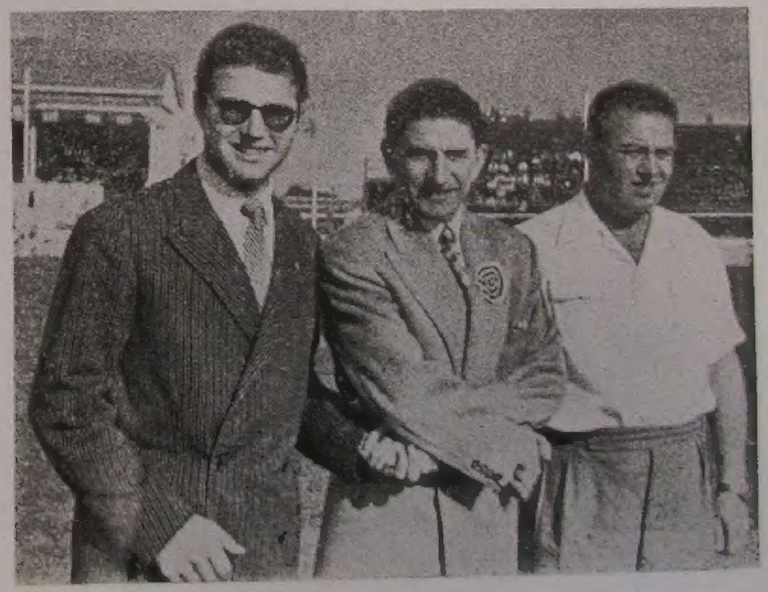
With his victory in the 4000 kilometres he hit the headlines in America and lucrative offers to turn "pro" came his way; one of which he finally accepted.

Touring America Nino met success after success, beating such champions as McNamara and Willie Spencer. Later, he toured Europe and it was while doing so in 1934 that he received an offer from Australia to ride in the Melbourne Centenary 1100 miles race, which was run in six stages.

Once in Australia Nino fell in love with the country, and apart from visits to Italy, he has been here ever since.

Now firmly established in business in Carlton Nino could, if he wanted to, sit back and dream of the past, but such is not his way.

In 1949 the Juventus Club was founded and Nino, on his return from a trip to the country of his birth, was invited to become its president. With alacrity he accepted, for through all his cycling years his love of soccer had not diminished. At all Juventus games in the forefront is always the president wearing his five-ring Olympic badge and usually accompanied by his charming wife — and nowadays by his No. 1 son, Nino Junior in his super-sports model perambulator. They say he will be another Olympic cyclist like his father, but "who knows!" Maybe he will be a Juventus star instead.



UNITED WE STAND. Juventus officials — Secretary Edo Sartori, President Nino Borsari, and Coach Szalai pose for "Soccer News" before the opening game at the Showgrounds.

V.A.S.F.A. BULLETIN

DOCKERTY CUP AND RESERVE CUP SEASON 1954

The first round draw for both Cups will be published in "Soccer News" in the next edition. All Clubs and Associations have been informed by letter previously on this matter.

Association Telephones.—From experience this season it has been found that many calls made to the Secretary and Assistant Secretary have come from persons not connected with clubs. As the telephones are continually used by officials of the clubs and the Association for urgent business, it is regretted that individual calls cannot be entertained in the future and only calls from recognised officials will be recognised. Results of matches may be obtained in the Melbourne Press each Saturday and Monday.

J.U.S.T. Soccer Club.—Mr. D. Ivanovic, 1a Park Crescent, North Williamstown Acting Secretary, has now been appointed official Secretary. The Treasurer is now Mr. H. Schachter, Flat 10, Lynbrae, 193 Fitzroy Street, St. Kilda. Telephone: Evenings LA 3957.

Dockerty Cup and Reserve Cup — Season 1954.—The First Round Draw of both Cups will be made on 29th April and will appear in "Soccer News" on Saturday, 8th May, 1954.

Registration Forms.—Clubs are reminded that forms should be obtained from the Assistant Secretary, J. Stewart, 18 Mendip Road, East Preston, and when completed should be returned to the same address.

Team Sheets.—Several Clubs are not using official team sheets which are obtainable from the Assistant Secretary.

Shell Soccer Club.—This team has been fined £3 by the League Management Committee for failing to play their last two matches

—S. BEATON, Secretary.

TEA BOARD

After Portsmouth home matches, players of both sides used to be entertained by the Directors in the Board-room. Eventually a League official hinted that this was not quite the done thing. The sign on the door now simply says "Tea Room".

Our Cover

Juventus President, Mr. Borsari, and Coach, Mr. Szalai, with the Juventus team with the V.A.S.F.A. Pennant for winning the First Division Premiership for 1953. Left to right: Sabidussi, Cernizza, Mr. Szalai (coach), Bassi, Scalamera, Boz, ————, Plateo, Muzzin, Ravagnan, Novaselich, Bottari and Mr. Nino Borsari (President).

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Juventus Right Winger

ENZO BOTTARI

Two years ago Juventus player, Trentini, introduced to his club a 20-year-old migrant with whom he had played in his youth in junior football in Lucca, Italy. Born in Tuscany, Bottari went on to play for his country's promotional league and arrived in this country a skilled footballer at an age when he had before him a long soccer future. In fact, the majority of his playing life as a senior.

He has proved himself to be worth Trentini's recommendation during his two years with what is undoubtedly one of Melbourne's leading clubs.

At present playing at outside-right he has shown that he is well worth his place in his team. A natural inside- or outside-right, the State selectors would do well to keep an eye on him. He is really useful with both feet and one of those rare players who can confidently be relied upon to place his corner kicks just where they are wanted. His prowess as a penalty kicker was well displayed last season when he scored three goals from the three kicks he took. Always a hard battler it is a pleasure to watch his tireless efforts to dispossess an opponent which generally ends in either Bottari taking the ball or the other fellow making a useless pass to no one in particular.

This season's opening has shown him to be in good form and he is looking forward to exceeding his last season's score of 15 goals. In his club's opinion Enzo Bottari will develop into Victoria's finest winger.

SECRETARY EDOO SARTORI chats with Juventus players Boz, Sabidussi, Cernizza, Muzzin in the dressing-room at the Showgrounds.

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TASMANIAN NEWSLETTER

FROM BOB EASTERBROOK

Once again we herald the approach of a new season and soon the gladiators will enter the arena to test their respective strengths.

Before proceeding to sum up the numerous teams — disquieting news reaches me from Adelaide (at least as far as the Tasmanian State XI is concerned). The first three games show — 8 goals scored for 22 against. Too shattering for mere words. Methinks we placed our local soccer on a rather high pedestal — and like "all the king's horses", etc., they have fallen to pieces. I chanced to be in the company of several local fans when the first three results from Adelaide were announced. They were completely bowled over — speechless and spell-bound — and that goes for "yours humbly" also. To make excuses is never a satisfactory way out; let us grin and bear it. We will assume that we were defeated fairly and squarely — and if so? well! it behoves us to go forward with resolute heart, courage and fortitude to build up and strengthen our weaknesses, realising we can still attain the heights.

Returning to my summary: Division I comprises eight teams compared to six last season. Sandy Bay have called it "a day" through lack of support. The Wanderers have returned to the fold after a year in the wilderness, and from my observations will be a hard nut to crack once they have settled down. Metro will also take some beating — and with Arnold and Harmsen will give much added punch to the side. So, Hobart are experimenting with several new players — trust George Cracknell, he knows what is wanted. You can count on the South being a power to be reckoned with. Of Hollandia and Bohemians (new combines) I prefer the latter. They have a Caledonian atmosphere about their style of play. However, a little added punch to their forward line would work wonders. Bonte Park — no news to hand this far, but as I predicted last year, "The Mixed Grill" brigade upset many apple carts and I have a sneaking regard similar fates will befall the more fancied clubs when opposed to the Park. New Norfolk — here again I am in the dark, but sufficient it is to say that the "Newsprint Mills" team only require to build round their goalkeeper, H. White, O. Dockerty and Fred Reid and they would give the best something to write home about.

The champions (Caledonians) are all set for 1954, and I can predict a very successful season for this sweet moving combine. It is most gratifying to see Jack MacFie, their stalwart centre-half, bang back to form after the serious mishap of last season (double fractured leg). Good luck, Jack!

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CARLSON'S CARNIVAL COMMENTS

FIFTH DAY — FROM ADELAIDE

On the final day at the Norwood Oval Queensland (7) defeated Tasmania (1). N.S.W. (6) defeated South Australia (1). Western Australia and Victoria played a two-all draw.

In the game Queensland v. Tasmania it was quite apparent that both teams were very tired and I noticed the big Dutchman, Adrain Harmsen, limping before the match even began.

In the second game N.S.W. were a little slow to settle down and South Australia were the first to score with a terrific 20-yard drive from Lee that left Henderson no chance. Shortly after N.S.W. took command and it wasn't long before the goals started piling up. The final score was 6-1.

The Victoria team for today was as follows: Czauderna, Jack, Zblocki, Thomas, Walker, Drennan, Garncarczyk, Rice, Gottesmann, Sutherland and Strahan.

It will be noticed that this is the first team where the Hakoah forwards are together, and in their right positions, Garncarczyk at outside-right, although did not show out in any of his games, did something each day, if not directly scoring was instrumental in a good move. Strahan, at outside-left, seemed to be hopelessly lost and out of position.

Goal-scorers: Victoria — Sutherland, header across from Garncarczyk; Gottesmann, poor goal, drew goalie shot, dribbled over line. Western Australia: Both goals came from McMillan at outside-left.

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By "ONLOOKER"
SOCCER PLAYER AND OFFICIAL

The recent selection of inside-forward Joe Lachmann in the State team brings to mind that this is the third year he has been in representative football. Playing in a 90-minute game each week is a small part of the time that Joe gives to soccer as this year he is secretary of Slavia, a Third Division team which appears destined for higher surroundings next season. Of course all of Joe's time is not taken with soccer as he operates a hairdressing business in Blessington Street, St. Kilda, so if you want a haircut with a bit of discussion on soccer, you know where to go.

HAKOAH-JUVENTUS MATCH

Last week's games were affected by the blustery conditions. However, it didn't make any difference to the attendance at St. Kevins Oval. The spectators there were given great entertainment which was slightly marred by the incidents that crept into the game. Had the referee kept stricter control these may have been obviated. Just the same refereeing is a thankless job as it is well nigh impossible to please supporters of both sides.

LEAGUE POSITION

The League table becomes interesting through Hakoah dropping a point to Juventus last Saturday. No team has now collected the total number of points possible though four teams are undefeated at this stage — Hakoah, Juventus, Just and Brighton. Surprise of the season is the Footscray team with three wins out of four matches. This is the best early season effort by that club for a few years.

BRIGHTON'S LOSS

Recent announcement in the Press that Walker, Brighton's centre-half, has been transferred interstate, has probably set the Brighton selectors a problem as this airman-footballer was the mainstay of their defence. Perhaps they are going to solve their team troubles with youth. Last week's selection of McCartney at right-half was the first home-trained junior Brighton have promoted to their first team in six years. Let's hope it's the forerunner of many such moves by other clubs.

TODAY'S GAMES

Match of the day should be the Polonia-J.U.S.T. clash, as both teams have drawn against the powerful Juventus sides there probably won't be much difference in the scores at the end. The Brighton-Moreland match should also be close with perhaps the home ground advantage swaying the issue. Of the other matches Hakoah and Juventus should have easy wins and I fancy Footscray City to dispose of South Yarra and so continue on their winning way.

Editorial — Continued

of his comments on the side, it was not always easy. We hope it won't be the last we shall hear of Ray in these pages.

In today's issue we have let our head's go on photographs and we hope you like them. The expense involved is very high and we cannot do it every week, but during the season we shall feature other clubs in the same way that we today feature Juventus and earlier featured Brighton.

Our thanks are due to our photographers and also to the Juventus Club who co-operated for today's issue.

"DID YOU KNOW?"

By JOHN OLIPHANT

Stanley Mathews, "the one and only" of his kind, the ball juggler, the wizard, in any case you have to see him to appreciate everything about him, is not included in the training squad out of which the English XI will be chosen to play for the World Cup in Switzerland.

The reason? Too old, I suppose. But, the Hungarian Football Association have invited him to fly to Budapest for a short stay with the suggestion that he should watch the Hungarian team play and train, and also train with them.

No doubt, you will recollect that Hungary defeated England 6-3 in London. In spite of this, the Hungarians think that they can learn a lot from Stan Mathews.

Furthermore, an invitation has been extended to Mathews to fly from Budapest to Moscow to give to the Russian footballers his advice on training and ball play.

MOSCOW SENDS INVITATION TO ARSENAL

The famous Arsenal Soccer Club has declined an invitation to play five games in Russia during the month of August. It seems to me that the Petrovs are not the only ones not wanting to see Russia. Frankly, I don't blame them. Do you?

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The Hungarian soccer team got a rousing welcome from 25,000 fans when they arrived back in Budapest from England.

I wonder how many fans welcomed back the Victorian team from their Interstate Carnival?

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During the English closed summer season, an English eleven will play a game against Yugoslavia, in Belgrade, and against Hungary in Budapest. It will be the last chance for England to restore its prestige.

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Soccer followers will have a chance to see the champions of the Australian soccer carnival in action in the near future.

New South Wales is being invited to play two games in Melbourne against a Victorian eleven. I believe that a New Zealand team will also visit Melbourne this season.

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An Australian Rules follower tells me that soccer is not played in U.S.A. On the other hand, he informs me that football is (he means Australian Rules).

Well, we shall see an American Navy team play at St. Kevins Oval, against a combined Hakoah-Polonia team on May 9. The American Aircraft Carrier "U.S.N. Tarrawa" will arrive at Melbourne on May 5, with a crew of 2000 officers and men.

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Home and Away—Continued

N.S.W. and the lowest State team. It can now be fairly certain that for future visits by touring teams, West Australia will not be left out in the cold.

ALL OR NOTHING

What an excellent action shot on the cover of last week's edition. Here is a print taken practically on the goal-line, yet who can say with certainty that at that very moment the whole of the ball was over the line? It would be impossible for a referee in front of goal to judge; only a linesman up with play could give a decision (excepting, of course, those spectators at the far end who can be sure).

MARATHON CUP FINAL

Bishop Auckland won the F.A. Amateur Cup in 1939 after a drawn game, and figured in this year's final with Crook Town. With the number of replays, it is estimated that nearly 200,000 saw the final tie just concluded.

THE INVINCIBLES

If Marston, the Australian of the Preston North End side, does captain the side today at Wembley, there is one request he will not make when the team is photographed. In 1888 the side were, for good reason, known as the "Invincibles", and in the Cup Final asked to be photographed with the cup before the game, while the light was still good. The request was not granted, which saved the team some embarrassment later, as they were beaten by, why, none other than West Bromwich Albion, whom they meet today.

READY-MADE KEEPER

It seemed difficult to believe that Waitzer, who went into goal for J.U.S.T. when Gough was injured against Box Hill, had never donned the sweater before, so easily did he handle the shots that came at him. It was not generally known that he almost made the State team at basketball. This suggests that for this game a player does not necessarily have to be a long streak of over seven feet.

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Some aspects of Soccer Coaching

PART III

By VIVIAN J. CHALWIN
(Australian Test Coach, Chief Instructor Coach for N.S.W., and qualified English F.A. Coach.)

Whilst one hopes not to have to kick-off too frequently during the course of a game, it is always as well to perform a few practise kick-offs so that one's own team is not taken by surprise when, for instance, an inside-forward passes the ball back to his centre-half or wing-half who has not been warned to expect this move.

It is always worth while remembering that possession is a very important aspect of the game, so that even from the kick-off a precisely executed move should be practised so that the best advantage can be taken of having possession of the ball.

On many, many occasions a goal has been scored within a few seconds of the kick-off without being touched by one of the opposing team. However, this is perhaps one of the least important aspects. I always find that it is a good idea to get the wingers to take a few trial corner kicks so that the other forwards can get some idea whether the winger kicks an inswinger or an outswinger, whether he is inclined to kick to the far side of the goal or whether his kick drops short. This will all influence the position of the other four forwards and the half-backs, and it should not be left until a corner kick arises during or perhaps at a very vital point of the game, for those players to be left in doubt as to just where the ball is likely to land.

During the course of these practise corner kicks the defence should take up their correct positions. It is customary for the winger to put over an outswinger which curls away from the goal. It is also customary to expect the goal-keeper to be able to catch — or in an emergency punch — any ball within the goal area, but if the goal-keeper is going to do this, he must be assured that both his full-backs are standing on the goal-line ready to defend the goal should he fail to get possession of the ball.

If the goal-keeper gets possession, as indeed he should, then there must be a member of his own team waiting in an open space ready to receive the ball from him and to set in motion an attack on the opponent's goal.

May I say at this point that there is a tendency amongst some goal-keepers to clear the ball without any regard as to whom it goes to. Only in a very desperate situation should they kick or throw clear of the goal without finding one of their own men. Often, too, the marking at the corner kicks is much too slack and this must be tightened up during the practises.

Another movement in the game which should warrant considerable attention is the throw-in. Only too often, bad marking allows an advantage to be taken from the throw by the opposition on the one hand, or poor use of the ball prevents the proper advantage being made of the throw on the other hand. Thus it is necessary for the coach to get his team practising both offensive and defensive tactics executed from the throw-in.

A sure penalty kicker and a second choice must also be selected, tried and given practise, before the game.

A few trial "indirect" free kicks, close to the opponent's goal, should be taken and similarly defensive tactics should be worked out to combat such a free kick, taken by the opposition in close proximity of the goal . . . and so on.

A short practise game is always useful, but as I have said before, care must be taken to ensure that it does not unduly tire the players, so close to the match itself.

If time permits, then special tactics can be worked out and practised but the most important task is to establish understanding between the players, before they take the field.

Letters to the Editor

Sir.—On the eve of departure of Victoria's State team for Adelaide one cannot help but wonder whether every preparation was made to ensure a 100 per cent. fit team.

Apart from the normal and League programme training (two games) apparently it was deemed that any extra training was unnecessary. It surely was quite evident that the preparation for the Carnival demanded that something extra. .

I would suggest that the selected players could and should have been training together on evenings apart from and in addition to their usual team training. The coaching and additional training would have been to their personal benefit also.

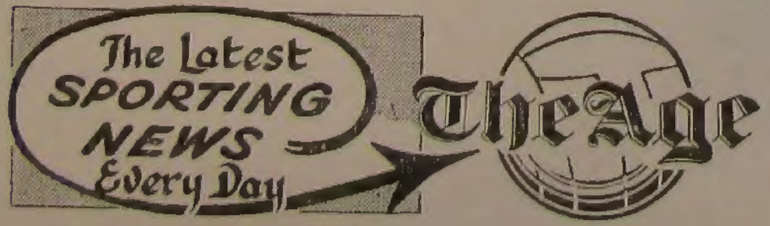
The venue for this could have been at one of the First Division League grounds fortunate enough to be equipped with floodlights. The benefits gained would have been twofold. Trained and coached as a team, also adjusting the players to playing under floodlight. (The first game for Victoria at Adelaide was under floodlight.)

Also whilst under these conditions the selectors could have gained immeasureable knowledge re the selecting of the best team/teams. Since 16 players were selected to make the trip, it leaves quite a problem to pick the best team.

At the moment quite a lot of publicity is being given re encouraging the schoolboys in the game.

I should well imagine then that Interstate schoolboys matches would prove a success. The cost of defraying expenses for the lads could be subsidised by the various State Associations. This also would create great interest amongst the lads. After all, what schoolboy wouldn't like a trip Interstate, especially representing his respective city or State. Any expenses incurred by any of the Associations would be money well invested. (I enclose a small newspaper clipping which so ably illustrates the enthusiasm of the young lads.) Naturally the game would have to be well publicised to ensure a good "gate". However, I am of the opinion that this would be no difficult task since any novelty of this kind is so eagerly sought and accepted by the schoolboys.

(Holding the Carnival so early in the season made it difficult to call players together in time for intensive training and coaching.—Editor.)



AROUND THE CLUBS

ASTOR

The team is settling down now after losing the first two games to Hellenic and Slavia, and are looking forward to avenging these defeats in the return games. On Saturday we visited Moorabbin City and won 5-1 in a good, clean game. A word of praise to Moorabbin for good sportsmanship.

FOOTSCRAY CITY

We are confident of a successful 1954 season, not only for Footscray City, but for Victorian soccer in general.

Lately we have drawn into our ranks some players of promising calibre, both senior and junior, and, given time to become accustomed to their surroundings will, we are sure, blend with the regulars of other seasons and help Footscray City to a prominence hitherto unattained by this fine club. Regular training is afforded the players on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, through the installation of floodlighting at the Henry Turner Reserve.

Our immediate objective is to fight clear of the relegation quicksand and finish the season in the top half of the League. This is a determination shared alike by the seasoned veteran and the rawest youngster.

The family spirit and team enthusiasm is prevailed. It inspires confidence and gives a sense of purpose to the players. A good, clean sporting game, win or lose, is assured to all whom Footscray City will contest this season, in the greatest sport of them all. Good luck, boys.—Colin.

GEORGE CROSS

Thanks to the committee, players and supporters, George Cross seems to go places this season. In our first game we drew 1-1 with Sunshine United. The second saw us trouncing White Eagles to the tune of 5-2. Both scores against us coming from the spot kick. We travelled to Yallourn to lose 0-1 after a real hard game. In Yallourn's supporters own words this was their teams hardest game in the history of the club.

Supporters galore! From everywhere! The Maltese communities of Moe, Newborough and Yallourn did not fail us in their support and barrackers.

We snatched both points from Park Rangers, beating them 4-2, while last Saturday we continued our successes by registering a 3-0 victory over Preston.

Our Reserve team also deserves special praise for, until the time of writing, they had four wins and one loss. Seems sure many may find their place in the first team in seasons to come for it is surprising to see such talent in a reserve side.

It is impossible to single out any player in both teams for one and all seem to pull together for final victory. But I venture to suggest to the State

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selectors to watch full-back Jimmy Calleja, who will be a real asset in their selections. A young man who is under 20, Jimmy sure has a future in Australian soccer.

SOUTH YARRA

With a beautiful day and the lifting of the tram strike, South Yarra met Juventus before 4000 spectators at St. Kevins Oval. The game was played there through the courtesy of the Hakoah officials and will not be treated as South Yarra's home ground as a Press reporter printed last week.

Both teams made changes, Juventus with three men out of action, and South Yarra full-backs, Boudrie and Swaffer injured, brought Sharp and Howell in to fill the berths.

The crowd was treated to a fast and vigorous game throughout and unfortunate goals by Morrie Payne in attempting to pass back, and Sheppard, in goal, misjudging an easy lob, gave Juventus the added confidence to carry them to victory by five goals to three. Bell, Bolton and McNeil scoring for Yarra. Grant, Payne and Durnian playing their hearts out, were by far Yarra's best defenders, whilst McNeil played solo amongst the forwards.

Juventus Second Eleven defeated South Yarra Second Eleven three-nil.

Sorry if its a bit "long-winded", but being only two games on Saturday, thought an extra line would help you out.—Yours in sport, William Murdoch.

UPPER YARRA DAM

Following our 2-all draw with I.C.I. on Easter Monday, the Dam again broke even on Saturday last with a no-score draw against Maribyrnong. Play was a little sluggish for the first 20 minutes with the visitors getting the better in possession and territory. In a notably clean game, with penalties rare, the rest of the match was an unspectacular swing from end to end of the ground. Good goal-keeping by both sides preventing possible scoring from the few spasmodic shots attempted.

One of the visitors, in a collision with another, had the misfortune to break the contact eye-lens he was wearing and had to be taken to a Warburton doctor for treatment, while on the way home. Our Club trusts that there will be no permanent failure of the eye as a result.

All clubs please note that our registered first colours are now being worn as follows: Shirts, royal blue, white collars and cuffs; shorts, white; royal blue stockings with white tops. Second colours are as shown in year book, 1954.

UNIVERSITY

After a clean, well-fought game at Princes Park last Saturday the University First Eleven gained their first points for the season by defeating I.C.I. 3-1. Winning the toss I.C.I. kicked with the wind and attacked strongly. The home defence played well, but after 20 minutes D. Stevenson scored a nice goal to put I.C.I. in the lead. Smart forward work by University soon led to the equaliser, secred by Hammer. Both teams were passing well but defences held sway until, in a breakaway, Salter outpaced the I.C.I. defence and scored, so that at half-time University led 2-1.

During the second half inaccuracy spoilt promising University attacks, but Lea further increased their lead with a beautiful shot. I.C.I. attacked repeatedly, with Bateman and C. Stevenson prominent, but the home defence, led by Willee and Bowman, proved too strong and with Day playing well in the University goal there was no further score. Final score: University 3, I.C.I. 1.

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The Second XI journeyed to Werribee where the local side proved too strong, winning 6-0. However, the University had bad luck in hitting the crossbar frequently and were not disgraced. With more key players available in future the Second XI should be much stronger and a threat to other clubs.

UKRAINIA

On Saturday last Ukrainia experienced an easy win over Slovakia defeating the latter 3-0. Slovakia, although battling hard to make the game even, could not succeed in doing so in spite of absence of three Ukrainian players. After half-time, when the third goal was netted, Slovakia decided to pack their things and go home, leaving everybody unhappy and dissatisfied. Slovaks! It was not a great sport, after all!!

LATROBE VALLEY ASSOCIATION

Morwell, now mainly a Dutch team, have a former Dutch International as trainer, and have a training programme second to none in the League. A player not at training is not included in the team. The outside-left, Van Hoogan, is seemingly a slow player and draws the opposition into leaving him clear, and then before they realise it, his terrific shots from the wing find the goal. He is a deadly shot if left alone.

A.P.M., with Rooney (snr.) as captain for the third year, and in his 40's, leads the team as if he was only 25. McClelland, a signing from R.A.A.F., and McCluskey, also Henderson in goal, provide the club with a fairly steady team.

Moe, capably led by Young, are to the fore this year and have probably the best find of the year in Cardona, a 16-year-old Maltese boy who can move and great things are in store for him.

Yallourn are still battling along in the League, and are expected to provide many surprises.

The L.V.A.S.F.A. held its first soccer trial last Monday (Easter Monday) at Sale, in front of a good crowd, with the team that won the Carrick Cup last season, from Border District, 4-2, meeting a selection from the League.

The Association now has a Referees Panel, with the following officials: President: J. Wilkenson, Morwell. Vice-President: I. Stewart, Morwell. Secretary and Treasurer: E. Grinpukle, Morwell. Members are: W. Last, East Sale; G. Parkin, Sale; J. Benson, Moe; and others whose names are not yet to hand. One of the tasks the Referees Association has is that in addition to the referee, they will provide the linesmen.

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JUNIOR SECTION

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL NOTES

Transfer Refused.—An application for a transfer from player E. Smith (Preston) to Moreland was refused at a meeting held on April 7. At the request of the Senior Association Council, the matter of Smith's transfer was discussed again at a meeting held on April 21, but the Junior Executive Council decided that their previous decision remain unchanged.

Points Awarded.—Under 15 Division: I.C.I. (Deer Park) awarded points against South Melbourne United. Brighton awarded points against Park Rangers. Pascoe Vale awarded points against South Melbourne United.

Under 14 Division: Brighton awarded points against Box Hill "B". Park Rangers awarded points against Coburg United.

It was decided that the Coburg United versus Prahran Under 14 match would be re-played at a later date if time permits.

As the Under 17 Division Fixtures had to be redrawn, it was decided that no points would be awarded for default against Fairfield and Sandringham City, as these two teams had withdrawn from the competition before playing a match.

Next Meeting.—The next General Meeting of the Junior Association is to be held at Scott's Hotel, Melbourne, on Wednesday, May 5, at 8 p.m.

Brighton Junior Cautioned.—Player B. Potter, of Brighton's Under 20 team, was reported by the referee for walking off the field of play in match played against Sunshine United. This player was cautioned by the Executive Council for ungentlemanly conduct.

In matters such as this players cautioned by the referee can be brought up before the Executive upon receiving three cautions and are then liable to suspension.

Players Required.—Both Coburg and South Melbourne United are in need of players to complete their Under 14 and Under 15 teams. Players who are not signed with any club and would like a game with either of the two mentioned clubs are asked to contact the secretary concerned. Coburg Secretary is Mr. T. Walker, Lot 61, Fairview Street, Glenroy, W.9. South Melbourne Secretary is Mr. D. Hamilton, 7 Baxter Street, Toorak. Phone BJ 3048.

PRAHRAN UNDER 14

In blustery conditions Prahran went out to face Moorabbin. Our captain (Colin Seedy) wisely decided to kick with the wind and as a result were were four goals up at half-time. Our little left-half, Ninnus Currie, played his usual brilliant game. Our backs and goalie, Prior Corrallgie, and Murray, did not accustom themselves to the conditions. The forwards, Moore, Seedy, Gilleas, Arndt and Tarcisco, played very well. After half-time three more goals came with Moorabbin scoring one. Final scores were: Prahran — Moore 3, Gilleas 2, Seedy 1, Tarcisco 1. We had along our reserve "Nipper" Brown, who is only 10 and as keen as they come. "Big" Brown, at centre-half, let nothing go through. Keep it up, lads, at least we've got one team that can win matches. The Under 17 drew 2-2 with St. Kilda.

ST. KILDA

The above club played their second League match against Prahran on Saturday, and after being down 2-0 (one goal from a penalty) rallied well in the second half to equalise 2-2. Best player on the day was P. Hyde at right full-back. Goal-scorers: Smith 1, Wirth 1; for Prahran their best player was the goalkeeper (in my opinion).

LEAGUE TABLES

AS AT APRIL 26, 1954

FIRST DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals F.	A.	P.
Juventus	5	2	3	0	15	8	7
J.U.S.T.	4	3	1	0	16	9	7
Footscray City	4	3	0	1	15	17	6
Hakoah	3	2	1	0	16	6	5
Brighton	3	2	1	0	7	4	5
Polonia	3	1	1	1	7	3	3
Moreland	3	1	0	2	12	10	2
Box Hill	4	1	0	3	9	14	2
South Yarra	5	0	1	4	8	24	1
Prahran	4	0	0	4	8	19	0

SECOND DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Sunshine City	5	5	0	0	21	5	10
Yallourn	5	3	2	0	8	2	8
George Cross	5	3	1	1	13	6	7
South Melbourne	5	2	2	1	10	8	6
Preston	5	2	1	2	6	6	5
Geelong	5	1	2	2	8	10	4
Park Rangers	5	2	0	3	14	15	4
Maccabi	5	1	1	3	12	18	3
White Eagles	5	1	0	4	8	19	2
Sunshine United	5	0	1	4	1	12	1

THIRD DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Slavia	5	5	0	0	25	3	10
Hellenic	5	5	0	0	18	3	10
Sandringham City	5	4	0	1	14	5	8
Williamstown	5	3	0	2	15	9	6
Dandenong	5	3	0	2	13	8	6
F.N.D.	5	2	1	2	11	12	5
Fairfield	5	1	0	4	5	11	2
Moorabbin City	5	1	0	4	7	21	2
Frankston	5	0	1	4	5	15	1
Coburg	5	0	0	5	4	25	0

FOURTH DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Ukrainia	5	5	0	0	27	0	10
Maribyrnong	1	1	0	0	13	2	8
Willesdonia	5	4	0	1	19	5	8
Slovakia	5	3	0	2	10	13	6
I.C.I.	5	2	1	2	11	7	5
Upper Yarra Dam	4	1	1	2	12	12	3
Shell	5	1	0	4	4	1	2
University	5	1	0	4	7	25	2
Sunnawalling	5	1	0	4	3	22	2
Heidelberg	5	1	0	1	5	26	2

Upper Yarra Dam v. Maribyrnong — Result not to hand.

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FIRST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Polonia	5	5	—	—	13	1	10
Box Hill	5	3	1	1	10	6	7
Footscray City	5	3	—	2	18	8	6
Juventus	5	3	—	2	14	5	6
South Yarra	5	2	1	2	6	11	5
Hakoah	5	2	1	2	11	21	5
Brighton	5	1	2	2	11	12	4
Prahran	5	2	1	3	12	17	5
J.F.S.T.	5	1	1	3	9	14	3
Moreland	5	—	1	4	11	22	1

SECOND DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sunshine City	5	4	—	1	27	5	8
George Cross	5	4	—	1	25	6	8
South Melbourne	5	3	1	1	16	8	7
Geelong	5	3	1	1	8	8	7
Malvern	5	3	—	2	9	8	6
Park Rangers	5	2	1	2	10	12	5
Preston	5	1	1	3	6	17	3
Maccabi	5	1	—	4	6	23	2
Sunshine United	5	—	1	4	7	24	1
White Eagles	5	—	1	4	3	19	1

THIRD DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hellenic	5	5	—	—	26	3	10
Slavia	5	5	—	—	27	1	10
Williamstown	5	4	—	1	13	5	8
Dandenong	4	3	—	1	14	5	6
Ashur	4	2	—	2	13	11	5
Sandringham City	5	2	1	2	11	12	5
Union Jack	4	—	1	3	8	14	2
Coburg	5	—	1	4	3	13	1
Fairfield	4	—	—	4	3	21	—
Moorabbin City	5	—	—	5	3	28	—

FOURTH DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
St. Albans	4	4	—	—	33	3	8
Bayswater	5	4	—	1	16	3	8
St. Kilda	5	4	—	1	14	4	8
Maribyrnong	4	3	—	1	13	2	6
Werribee	4	2	—	2	9	7	4
Heidelberg	5	2	—	3	8	11	4
I.C.I.	5	1	1	3	3	20	3
Nunawading	3	1	—	4	2	1	2
University	5	1	—	4	2	31	2
Wilhelmina	4	—	1	3	3	18	1

JUNIOR LEAGUE TABLES

AS AT APRIL 26, 1954

UNDER 20 DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sunshine United	3	3	0	0	11	1	6
Juventus	3	2	0	1	9	2	4
Pascoe Vale	3	2	0	1	5	3	4
Sunshine City	3	2	0	1	5	4	4
Preston	2	1	0	1	4	3	2
Hakoah	3	1	0	2	8	7	2
Polonia	2	1	0	1	5	5	2
Footscray City	3	1	0	2	5	7	2
Brighton	3	1	0	2	5	8	2
Box Hill	3	1	0	2	7	17	2
Frankston	2	0	0	2	3	10	0

UNDER 17 DIVISION

Sunshine City	3	3	0	0	15	0	6
Brighton	2	2	0	0	7	1	4
Sunshine United	3	1	1	0	4	0	3
Pascoe Vale	2	1	0	1	2	6	2
Prahran	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
St. Kilda	3	0	1	1	3	4	1
Box Hill	2	0	1	1	0	3	1
I.C.I. (Deer Park)	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Moorabbin City	3	0	0	3	0	16	0

UNDER 15 DIVISION

Box Hill	3	2	1	0	10	0	5
Sunshine United	3	2	0	1	26	2	4
I.C.I. (Deer Park)	3	2	0	1	3	2	4
Preston	3	2	0	1	11	10	4
Pascoe Vale	3	2	0	1	3	3	4
Essendon	3	1	1	1	3	2	3
Moorabbin City	2	1	0	1	1	3	2
Brighton	3	1	0	2	6	31	2
Sunshine City	1	0	0	1	1	5	0
Park Rangers	2	0	0	2	0	6	0
South Melb. United	2	0	0	2	0	6	0

UNDER 14 DIVISION

Brighton "A"	3	3	0	0	8	0	6
Box Hill "A"	3	2	1	0	19	0	5
Prahran	2	2	0	0	18	1	4
Moorabbin City	3	2	0	1	10	8	4
Sunshine City	3	1	1	1	1	5	3
South Melb United	2	1	0	1	17	6	2
Hakoah	3	1	0	2	5	6	2
Brighton "B"	3	0	2	1	0	2	2
Park Rangers	2	1	0	1	0	11	2
Box Hill "B"	2	0	0	2	0	8	0
Fairfield	3	0	0	3	1	36	0
Coburg United	1	0	0	1	0	0	0

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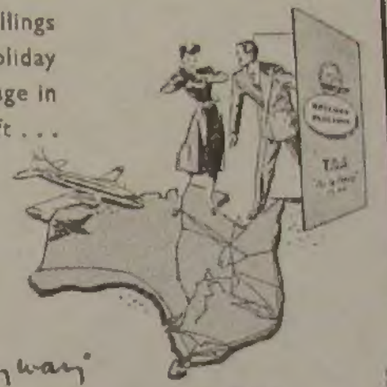

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